1	2	3	4	5
SYnthetic Rutile Plant, (OSCOM) Chatrapur				
1993-94	Syn.Rutile	100000	2518	3
1994-95	Syn.Rutile	100000	5010	5
1995-96	Syn.Rutile	100000	6318	6
Rare Earths Plant, Alwaye				
1993-94	Monazite Processing	4200	3716	88
1994-95	-do-	4200	3932	94
1995-96	-do-	4200	3228	77

Note : Capacity of the plant is fixed with reference to Ilmenite Synthetic Rutile, Monazite Processing as the case may be.

Recruitment to Group-A Services

144. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether recruitment to many group-A organised services is being done through Civil Services Examination and Combined Engineering Services Examination, conducted by UPSC and their seniority is maintained throughout their service;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the guidelines proposed to be set up to maintain the seniority among group-A organised services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). At present recruitment to specified Group 'A' Organised Services is being done through Civil Services Examination and Combined Engineering Services Examination conducted by UPSC. Depending upon their position in the merit list and the option exercised by them, selected candidates are allocated to various Group 'A' Organised Services. However, seniority of the candidates selected is not always maintained through out their service as per the merit position at the time of initial recruitment. This is because the service rules of various organised services contain a provision relating to maintenance of the seniority of officers belonging to that service. Normally, such provision is to determine their seniority in accordance with the general instructions on the subject issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT). According to the general instructions Issued by DOPT, seniority of a direct recruit to a post is determined by the order of merit indicated at the time of his initial appointment and his seniority is re-fixed on promotion in the order in which he is recommended for such promotion by Departmental Promotion Committee. Seniority of an officer allocated to a particular Group 'A' service is determined in a particular post with reference to other officers holding the same post in the same service and it is neither necessary nor possible to maintain his seniority with reference to officers in various other services as per their merit position in the Civil Services Examination/Combined Engineering Services Examination at the time of their initial recruitment as promotional avenues are available within each organised service and officers of each organised service are governed by the service rules applicable to the organised service to which they belong.

Urban Development Projects of Bihar

145. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Urban Development Projects of Bihar pending with the Union Government for the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Urban Development Projects in towns and cities having population upto 5 lacs are supported under the Centrally sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT). Under IDSMT, no Urban Development Projects of Bihar which conform to IDSMT guidelines are pending with Government of India, for the past three years.

(b) Does not arise.

Crude Oil Refineries

146. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have granted licences to some Public Sector Oil Companies to set up crude oil refineries in the country;

(b) if so, which oil companies have been granted licence; and

(c) the places selected by each of these oil companies to set up crude oil refineries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c). Apart from the existing operating refineries, Government have issued Letter of Intents for setting up of new Refineries in the Public/Joint Venture as under:

Name of the Company	Refinery Project	Capacity (MMTPA)
IOC	Panipat Refinery	6.00
IOC	East Coast JV Refinery in Orissa	6.00
HPCL	West Coast JV Refinery in Maharashtra	6.00
HPCL	Joint Venture Refinery in Punjab	6.00
BPCL	Joint Venture Refinery in U.P.	7.00
Numaligarh Refinery Ltd.	Joint Venture Refinery in Numaligarh (Assam)	3.00
HPCL	MRPL Refinery in JV (Karnataka)	9.00
BPCL	Joint Venture Refinery in Bina, M.P.	6.00

Import of Crude

147. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether ONGC has prepared a scheme as a part of its efforts to meet the gigantic task of reducing growing dependence on imported crude;

(b) if so, whether the ONGC and Oil India has decided to discover new reserves and increase production;

(c) whether any detailed project reports have been prepared by the Ministry; and

(d) if so, by what time the work on these projects are likely to be started and the details of the projects that are likely to be undertaken in 1997?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir. Several schemes have been prepared by ONGC to increase production of crude oil. These are -

1. Implementation of new projects/schemes and additional development of existing fields.
2. Implementation of EOR Schemes and extending some of EOR Schemes from pilot scale to full scale field application.
3. Implementation of specialised technologies such as ERD, side track, horizontal and drain hole drilling.
4. Obtaining services of international experts wherever considered necessary.

(b) ONGC and OIL plan to intensify their exploration/ production activities in already proven areas besides extending its efforts into frontier areas like Central Indian basins of Vindhyan and Gondwana, North East, deep water offshore areas, North Bank of Brahamputra and Ganga Valley in Western U.P.

(c) and (d). The measures taken by the Government to accelerate exploration and production are -

(i) Offering of acreages under exploration bidding rounds. So far 8 exploration bidding rounds and one JV exploration programme have been announced.

(ii) Offering of small and medium sized oil/gas fields for development.

(iii) Launching of Accelerated Programme of Exploration in 1994.

(iv) The projects/schemes of oil production sanctioned by the Government during 1995 and 1996 which are presently under implementation are -

(i) Development of B-119/121 structure.

(ii) Development of B-173A, B-55 and Heera Phase-III structure in Western Offshore.

(iii) Application of Insitu Combustion Technology at Balol and Santhal.

(v) The schemes which are likely to be undertaken in 1997 are -

i. Additional development of Bombay High North-II.

ii. Installation of Booster Compressor in Bassein field.

Letter Received in Kendriya Bhandar

148. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of letters received in the Kendriya Bhandar and by the Government from the Members of Parliament during 1996 till date;

(b) the action taken thereon; and

(c) the time by which the pending letters will be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Kendriya Bhandar received 6 letters from Members of Parliament during 1996 till